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SMMC Item 10
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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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September 11, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

Grant Application - Proposition 50 Funds Acquisition of Alamos Canyon properties

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for acquisition of Alamos Canyon properties. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), specifically Water Code Section 79570(c), in compliance with Section 79508.

The proposed grant would fund fee acquisition of portions of two parcels totaling 2.66 acres in Alamos Canyon, Simi Valley. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION				
Project Name: Alamos Canyon (Donley) Acquisition		Amount of Request: \$ 250,000		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Total Project Cost: \$ 350,000 estimated		
		Amount of Match: \$ 100,000		
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Source of Match: In-lieu fee mitigation		
		Project Address: W Los Angeles Ave Simi Valley, CA 93065		
		County	Senate District	Assembly District
		Ventura	19-McClintock	37-Strickland
		Email: edelman@smmc.ca.gov		
Grantee's Authorized Representative:				
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117		
_____ <i>Name and Title</i>		_____ <i>Phone</i>		
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:				
Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning		310-589-3230, x128		
_____ <i>Name and Title</i>		_____ <i>Phone</i>		
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Fee acquisition of approximately 2.66 acres in Alamos Canyon, City of Simi Valley APN 500-0-291-115 and 579-0-050-175.				
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 50				
Narrative/Project Description: <p>The Simi Hills provide the only stepping stone for wildlife to replenish populations in the approximately 200 square mile Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem and link to the Santa Susana Mountains ecosystem. To continue this function effectively, the Simi Hills must ultimately contain enough protected habitat to maintain small populations of wildlife. The watercourses in the Simi Hills must also be protected from pollution and further encroachment by development. The proposed acquisition will contribute to both goals, and will protect the land and water resources of the Santa Monica Bay watershed.</p> <p>The subject property is located between the 118 Freeway and West Los Angeles Avenue, on the north side of the City of Simi Valley, and is kitty-corner to Oak Park. The property owner, Donley Trust, is agreeable to the concept of sub-dividing the property into two parts to provide both a habitat linkage and adequate space for development. The MRCA would take title to the western-most portion that includes Alamos Canyon Creek. An appraisal has been ordered based on this split of the property.</p> <p>The MRCA has existing in-lieu mitigation funding to restore the subject 2.66 acres. The final full cost of acquisition will be determined after the appraisal is completed. MRCA would use in lieu mitigation fees for the Calleguas Creek watershed for costs exceeding the requested grant amount</p>				

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of \$250,000. Escrow could close as early as early November 2006 barring unforeseen complications.

The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin August 28, 2006 and end no earlier than June 30, 2007.

Tasks / Milestones:

1 Land Acquisition

Budget:

\$ 250,000

Completion Date

December 31, 2006

Acquisition Projects:

APN(s): Portion of 500-0-291-115 and portion of 579-0-050-175

Acreage: Approx. 2.66

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Ana Melane, Contracts Officer

Signature of Authorized Representative

9/11/06

Date

Interim Form SMM-001

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